GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3880
ANSWERED ON:23.12.2004
INCLUSION OF CASTES IN SC AND OBC LIST
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria /procedure adopted to include new castes in the list of Scheduled Castes and OBCs;

(b) whether the Union Government has received some proposals/requests from some State Governments / Union Territory Administrations including Government of Gujarat and Union Territory of Pondicherry to included more castes in the list of SCs and OBCs;

(c) whether the Government of Haryana has also requested to include Hari (Nayak) and Pal Gadria castes in the list of SCs;

(d) if so, the details of requests/proposals received alongwith name of castes during the last one year till date, State/ Union Territory-wise;

(e) the present status of each request/ proposal including name of castes so far included in the list, State / U T- wise; and

(f) the details of pending proposal including name of Castes sent back to State Governments/ Union Territory administrations alongwith their reasons, State/ Union Territory- wise and time by which the same will be included in list?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) Criteria followed for inclusion of a community in the list of Scheduled Castes is extreme social, educational and economic backwardness arising out of traditional practices of untouchability.

In regard to inclusion of communities in the list of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) the National Commission for Backward Classes has adopted the criteria which includes various social, educational and economic aspects of backwardness.

(b) Yes, Sir. Proposals for inclusion of communities in the list of Scheduled Castes have been received. In regard to inclusion in the Central List of OBCs, no such requests have, however, been received

(c) Government of Haryana has requested for inclusion of Heri (not Hari) and Nayak communities in the list of Scheduled Castes. However, the State Government has not made any recommendation in regard to inclusion of Pal Gadria community in the list of Scheduled Castes.

(d) to (f) Year-wise details of proposals are not maintained. The caste wise names are maintainable only in such cases where ethnographic information has been received. 328 such cases, which lacked ethnographic information have been referred back to the concerned State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations and the State/ Union Territory -wise number of such cases are given in the Statement. No time frame for final disposal of proposals can, however, be given as it requires consultation with various agencies.

The names of communities, which are already included in the lists of Scheduled Castes, are available in the Manual of Election Law, published by the Ministry of Law and Justice.

STATEMENT IN REGARD TO ANSWER TO PARTS (d) TO (f) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3880 FOR 23.12.2004 REGARDING INCLUSION OF CASTES IN SC AND OBC LIST BY SHRI AJIT JOGI AND SIX OTHER MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

CASES REFERRED BACK TO THE STATE GOVERNMENTS/ UNION TERRITORY ADMINISTRATIONS, WHICH LACKED ETHNOGRAPHIC DETAILS

Sl. No.	State/Union Territory	Number of cases referred back
1	Andhra Pradesh	4
2	A & N Islands	1

3	Assam	16
4	Bihar	37
5	Chandigarh	7
6	Chhattishgarh	10
7	NCT of Delhi	13
8	Goa	3
9	Gujarat	13
10	Haryana	6
11	Himachal Pradesh	25
12	Jammu & Kashmir	3
13	Jharkhand	1
14	Karnataka	13
15	Kerala	11
16	Madhya Pradesh	9
17	Maharashtra	18
18	Manipur	1
19	Meghalaya	8
20	Orissa	16
21	Pondicherry	6
22	Rajasthan	14
23	Sikkim	2
24	Tamil Nadu	46
25	Tripura	2
26	Uttar Pradesh	23
27	Uttaranchal	19
28	West Bengal	1

TOTAL	328